

**Association of Washington Cities  
2017 Center for Quality Communities Scholarship**

**City of Yakima  
Criteria/Process**

**Eligibility**

- Open to students in the Yakima School District and West Valley School District who:
  - Will graduate from high school, complete home school, or receive a GED in spring/summer 2017
  - Are currently or have been involved in significant school/community leadership activities and/or city government
  - Plan to continue their education in the 2017-2018 academic year at an accredited college, community college, or trade school on a half-time or more basis
  - Are residents of Washington state

**City of Yakima Process**

- Scholarship application packets **will be due by 5:00 pm on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017**
- Scholarship application packets must include:
  - Completed AWC 2017 Quality Communities Scholarship application form
  - Completed personal essay (limit two pages, Arial or Times New Roman 12-point font, double-spaced) addressing the essay subject as described in #11 of the application form
  - One letter of recommendation from a non-relative
- Scholarship application packets should be sent to:

**Randy Beehler  
Communications & Public Affairs Director  
City of Yakima, Wa.  
129 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Yakima, Wa. 98901**

- Scholarship applications packets will be reviewed, evaluated, and scored by a committee consisting of:
  - Yakima Mayor Kathy Coffey
  - Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler
  - Assistant to the City Manager Cally Price

*\* The committee will select one applicant whose application packet will be forwarded to the AWC Center for Quality Communities along with a letter of support from the City no later than March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The applicant selected by the committee will be contacted by the City no later than March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.*

### **Promotion of the Scholarship Application Availability**

- The City will promote the availability of the AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship application:
  - By providing counselors at Eisenhower High School, Davis High School, Stanton Academy, Yakima Online, and West Valley High School with scholarship information and application packets
  - Under the "Point of Interest" section on the front page of the City's website
  - On the mid-January "CityCast" news and information program
  - In the January City of Yakima Issues Brief e-Newsletter
  - On the official City of Yakima Facebook page
  - On the official City of Yakima Twitter feed

***\* To learn more about the 2017 AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship, contact City of Yakima Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler by phone (509-901-1142) or by e-mail (randy.beehler@yakimawa.gov).***